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WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

8 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR REAR ADMIRAL STASER M. HOLCOMB, MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Briefing to President Carter

I have been asked to give a three-minute presentation to the President on the organization and programs of the NRO during a special NFIB meeting prior to the swearing-in of Admiral Stansfield Turner as DCI tomorrow at 1245. We have also been asked to discuss our key concerns. I will be one of several intelligence program managers who will briefly cover their activities.

Attached for your review are copies of the viewgraphs I intend to use in the briefing. If Dr. Brown would like to review the briefing in the morning, I am available at his convenience.

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Charles W. Cook
Acting Director

Attachments

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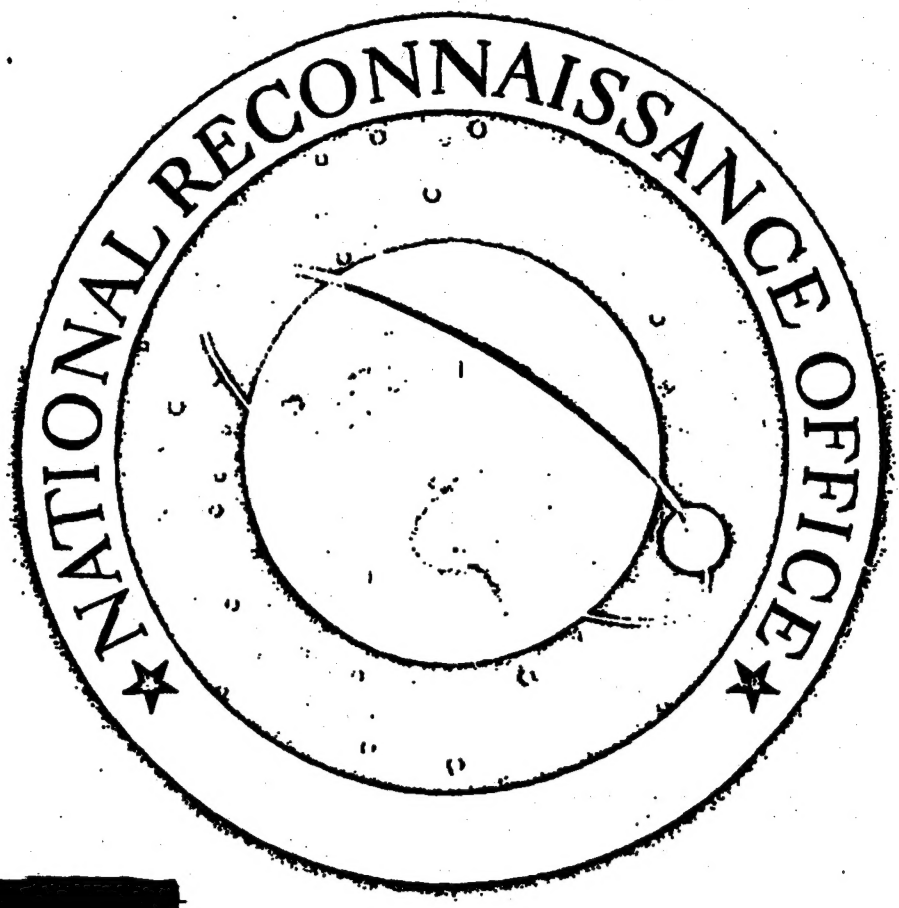

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PROGRAM SCOPE

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

REQUIREMENTS

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

(SATELLITE SYSTEMS)

RESEARCH

DEVELOPMENT

ACQUISITION

OPERATION

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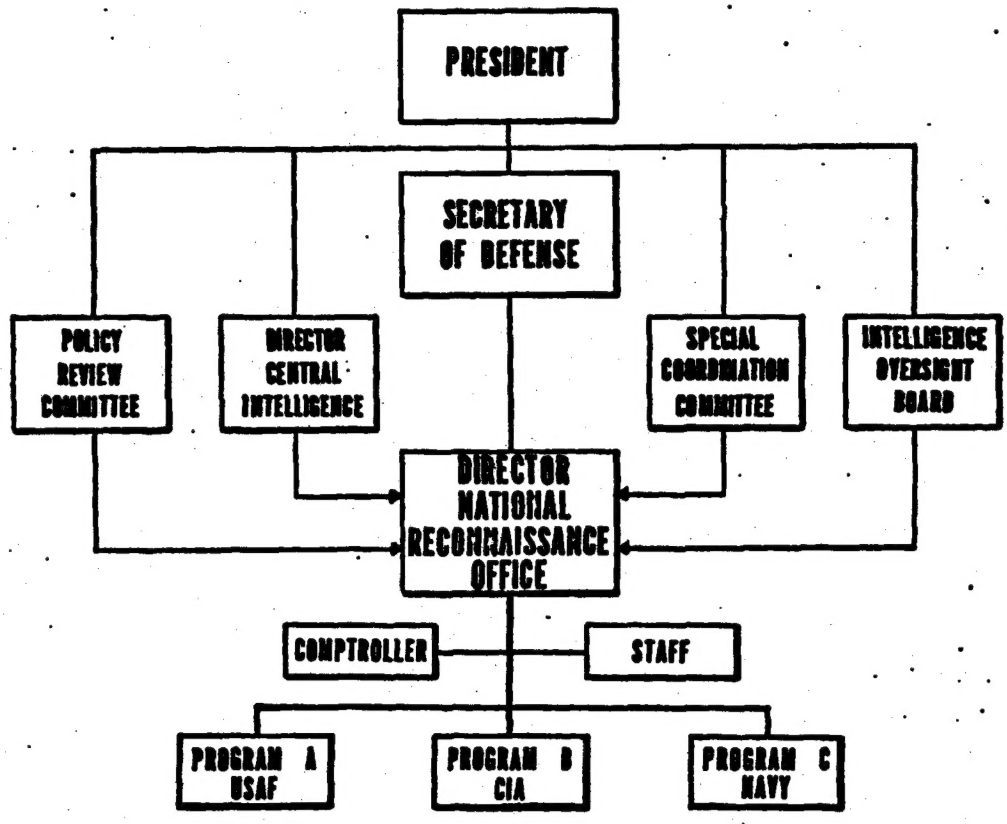
NRO MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW



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- STRONG DNRO LINE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
- PROGRAM DIRECTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR TOTAL SYSTEM LIFE CYCLE
- UNIQUE CONTRACTOR INCENTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- EVOLUTIONARY SYSTEM DESIGNS
- FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT FLEXIBILITY
- LEAN AND SELECTIVE MANNING
- DISCIPLINED SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

KEY CONCERNS

- [redacted]
- SYSTEM SURVIVABILITY
- MANAGEMENT NORMALIZATION
- SECURITY PERMISSIVENESS
- SPACE POLICY